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Dear Mel:

Odishaw has just reassured me that there would be funds for our next WESTEX meeting. The Space Science Board will also consider a more durable proposal at its next meeting early in May. In view of our previous discussions about the importance of distinguishing between planetary biology and man in space, I think it would be just as well if we took advantage of this opportunity, or direct support from NASA, rather than a possible subsidy from the bio-astronautics committee. Of course, I think it is a happy circumstance that you can bridge the two activities.

I am hopeful that Sagan will be able to come out here for the May 3rd meeting and that you will be able to talk with him either there or in Berkeley on the Monday or Tuesday. I do hope that it will work out that you can be with us at Pacific Grove.

Yours sincerely,

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